



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, February 11, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-0816)

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1. Call to Order. (13-0642)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo and Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2013. (12-5795)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission, stating her comment regarding affiliation was not gender based, rather it was regarding political affiliation. She asked that the minutes reflect the change.

After discussion, on motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, the regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2013 as amended, was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Reiko Duba

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Michelle Piñedo and Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt

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3. Approval of reimbursement to Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez for cost of airfare, parking and transportation incurred while attending the California Women's Policy Summit in the amount of \$457.30 to be allocated from the President's fund. (13-0765)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. noted she would not be submitting a claim for reimbursement of cost of airfare, parking and transportation incurred while attending the California Women's Policy Summit held January 17, 2013 in Sacramento, California.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, this item was approved.

4. **II. REPORTS**

President's Report for January 2013. (13-0584)

President Ward gave an overview of her report and the relevance of each organization and event attended.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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5. Report on the Ad Hoc and Standing Committee meetings as submitted by Committee members:

- Economic Development Committee
- Education Committee
- Women of the Year Committee (13-0585)

Vice President Becky Shevlin stated that the Economic Development Committee did not meet during this reporting period. The Committee will be meeting immediately following today's Commission meeting, and present a report at the April meeting.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian reported the following from the Education Committee:

- Committee members have reviewed the scholarship applications, correspondence, and set the event timeline for this year's Scholarship program;
- Commissioners were requested to calendar the Board Presentation and Scholarship Orientation to support the recipients.
- Members were requested to notify staff if they were interested in assisting the Committee review submitted applications.

Vice President Shevlin reported the following from the Women of the Year Committee:

- Southern California Gas Company is a possible \$1,000.00 Sponsor;
- Farmers will donate 500 goodie bags;
- Eight requests for Ads have been received and the deadline is February 22, 2013;
- The School of Performing Arts is being contacted to possibly perform at the event.
- The next WOY teleconference meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, the reports were received and filed.

President Ward, Ph.D. acknowledged Commissioner Ruth Creary's arrival at 10:16 a.m.

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6. Report on the California Women's Policy Summit held January 17, 2013 in Sacramento, California, by President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. and Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez. (13-0768)

President Veda E. Ward provided a handout which detailed activities at the California Women's Policy Summit.

Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez also shared information regarding the Summit and referred to the Action Worksheet from the 2013 Women's Policy Summit.

President Ward, Ph.D., Vice President Shevlin and Commissioners Creary and Lesser provided input regarding the Health Care Act. Commissioners Lesser and Rodriguez will report back with additional information at a future meeting.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, the report was received and filed.

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7. Staff Report on Mileage Certification by Emma De Jesus. (13-0748)

Emma De Jesus, staff, Commission Services, shared a memo from the Chief Executive Office regarding the Mileage Reimbursement Program, and asked that Commissioners complete and submit in the Certification of Receipt form to staff acknowledging their receipt of the memo.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. DISCUSSIONS

8. Roundtable discussion with Community Partners, on achieving common goals for women with increasingly limited resources and the Commission's mission of "Educating, Motivating and Inspiring Women". (13-0592)

Ronda L. Hampton, Ph.D. provided a self-introduction. She stated she majored in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis/focus on people with chronic mental illness; she is also the Co-Founder of REACH, a non-profit organization based in Diamond Bar, California, advocating for mental health awareness on behalf of the mentally ill and their families.

Dr. Hampton responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul expressed concern regarding the low number of nurses and doctors nationwide and particularly in California. She stated there should be growing concern with the lack of minorities choosing the medical field as a career path, even though there's a significant amount of money available to minorities entering the nursing field.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. thanked Dr. Hampton for her wonderful presentations and for taking time out of her schedule to provide insightful information to the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

9. Commissioners' announcements for February 2013. (13-0586)

Commissioners reported the following:

Commissioner Ruth V. Creary referenced her submitted report of events she attended. She concluded by stating this might be her last Commission meeting, she will be speaking with Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas on this matter.

Commissioner Gerda Govine stated she will submit a written report of her announcements for the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Charlotte Lesser reported she will be attending the Distinguished Speakers Series with Caroline Kennedy on February 11, 2013, and the Office of Women's Health meeting on February 20, 2013.

She continues to stay involved with the Blue Zones Project, which has shown significant increases in the general health of people who had been involved in the Blue Zones Project for at least two years.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian reported she has been working with a number of communities that have started community-based education programs. She stated that in Pasadena, Washington Middle School serves as a community-based center. The City's Health Director has brought a health center to the school. On March 18, 2013 a meeting between community-based education program participants and all Superintendents in Southern California is scheduled to stress the importance of education. The hope is to make community-based education programs a National concept.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin reported that she is working with Monrovia City Council on a data collecting program called "Plan Monrovia". Monrovia School District works closely in providing nutritional programs between schools and faith-based communities. She is Chair of the Monrovia Reads Program that will host a fundraiser event on March 7, 2013. She and other community members also plan to visit the Beach Cities Blue Zone in March 2013, and a \$250,000.00 grant was received from Fifth District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, to be used for playground refurbishment.

President Ward shared two letters: one from Michelle O'Donnell, Associate Director, Institutional Relations, thanking the Commission for considering Debra A. Farmer, President/CEO of Westside Family Health Center, as a candidate for a Women of the Year Award; and the second from Joyce Feucht-Haviar, Dean of The Tseng College at California State University, Northridge, for being nominated and selected as one of the 28th Annual Women of the Year Awards recipient.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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Matters Not Posted

10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-0587)

There were no matters presented.

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-0588)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding a February 11, 2013 USA Today Newspaper Article "Abusive Partners", and the \$30 Million Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital project.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, no action was taken by the Commission.

Adjournment

12. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, February 11, 2013. (13-0589)

On motion of Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.